

Applicants: Francois Maltais et al.
Application No.: 10/798,766

REMARKS

The Restriction

The Examiner has required a restriction in the above-identified application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I, classified in various subclasses of class 514, 540, 544, 546, 548, and 549; and
- II. Claims 15-27, drawn to methods of using the compounds of formula I, classified in various subclasses of class 514, 540, 544, 546, 548, and 549.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

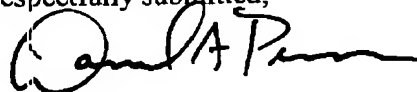
Upon the determination that claims 1-14 are allowable, applicants request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 15-27 with the allowable claims.

The elections made herein are made expressly without waiver of applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter either in this application or in other applications claiming benefit herefrom.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner deem expedient a telephone discussion to further the prosecution of the above application, applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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